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1. HERewith FULL TEXT FLORA LEWIS ARTICLE PAGE 5 NEW YORK TIMES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14 HEADED "NEW WORLD TRENDS WORRY STRATEGISTS: POLITICAL-MILITARY SYSTEM THAT HAS MAINTAINED GLOBAL ORDER IS SAID TO BE BREAKING DOWN."

2. BADEN, AUSTRIA, SEPT. 12 - THE POLITICAL-MILITARY SYSTEM THAT HAS MORE OR LESS KEPT GLOBAL ORDER SINCE WORLD WAR II IS BREAKING DOWN AND NOTHING IS IN SIGHT TO REPLACE IT, IN THE VIEW OF 200 SCHOLARS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MILITARY EXPERTS WHO HAVE BEEN MEETING HERE FOR THE LAST FOUR DAYS.

3. DR. CHRISTIAN BERTRAM, A WEST GERMAN LAWYER, DEFENSE EXPERT AND DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, SUMMED UP THE PRIVATE DEBATES AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY. HE SAID THAT A NEW ERA IS BEGINNING, THAT MANY OF THE OLD RULES OF THE WORLD GAME ARE NO LONGER WORK-
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ABLE BUT THAT NOBODY HAS YET FIGURED OUT THE NEW RULES.

4. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ATTENDED BY EXPERTS FROM WESTERN EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, JAPAN AND A FEW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, UNDERSCORED THE

EXTENT TO WHICH STRATEGIC PLANNERS CONSIDER THE FUTURE WORLD BALANCE UNCERTAIN AND THE OLD ASSUMPTIONS OF RULE BY THE SUPERPOWERS AS HAVING BEEN UNDERMINED.

5. THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE WAS THE "PROLIFERATION OF FORCE AND THE DIFFUSION OF POWER," FOCUSING ON THE SPREAD OF MODERN CONVENTIONAL ARMS AROUND THE WORLD AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

6. "RESIGNATION BUT NOT DESPAIR."

7. THE OUTLOOK WAS BASICALLY GLUM ON THE CHANCE OF LIMITING THE CAPACITY OF MORE COUNTRIES TO START DEVASTATING WARS. BUT THERE WAS MORE A FEELING OF RESIGNATION THAN DESPAIR IN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT IT HAS GOTTEN HARDER TO PREVENT VIOLENT CONFLICTS.

8. THE PEOPLE WHO SPEND THEIR TIME STUDYING THE HARD FACTS THAT LEAD TO WAR NO LONGER HAD EVEN THEORETICAL SOLUTIONS FOR ACHIEVING WHAT WAS ONCE PROMISED AS A GENERATION OF PEACE.

9. THE BIG POWERS STILL HAVE OVERWHELMING FORCE, BUT THEY CAN NO LONGER USE IT TO KEEP THE REST OF THE WORLD IN LINE. SOME OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE GAINING AWESOME MILITARY STRENGTH, BUT THEIR CONFLICTING INTERESTS HAVE YET TO BE ABSORBED IN A NEW SYSTEM ABLE TO WORK OUT FRICTIONS PEACEFULLY.

10. IN THIS CLIMATE, A DRASTIC CHANGE FROM THE BELIEFS OF ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO THAT A SYSTEM FOR WORLD SECURITY EXISTED IF ONLY IT COULD BE MADE TO WORK, THERE WERE NO SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW GRAND DESIGN. THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT ONLY GREAT CAUTION, EFFORTS AT ACCOMMODATION AND A CERTAIN HUMBLE CONFESSION OF IGNORANCE ABOUT HOW PRESENT DECISIONS

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WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE ARE LIKELY TO BE USEFUL GUIDES.

11. "CONCERNS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS."

12. SURPRISINGLY, THE FEELING WAS LESS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT NUCLEAR DANGERS TO CIVILIZATION THAN IT WAS ABOUT THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE. THE MIDDLE EAST, THE PERSIAN GULF AND SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE SEEN AS THE MOST SERIOUS TROUBLE SPOTS,

WHERE CONFLICTS COULD BE AS HARD TO CONTAIN AS THEY ARE TO PREVENT. - -

,3. THERE IS A PERCEPTION THAT THE ADVANCED COUNTRIES, EAST AND WEST, ARE NO LONGER ABLE OR WILLING TO POLICE THE

WORLD, WHILE THE RISING POWERS ARE NEITHER ABLE NOR WILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH.

14. THE INSTITUTE IS A PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN 1958 FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, DEFENSE AND ARMS CONTROL IN THE NUCLEAR AGE. (END TEXT.) ROBINSON

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